

Amusements.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE
A MANNERED PERFORMANCE
OF THE LITTLE MINISTER
TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.
Children half-price to all parts. Box Plan now open.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE,
Sole Lessee and Manager,
Moore, L. S. LEAMAN and MUSGROVE,
Box Manager, Geo. G. Goodman, Trustee, J. H. Morris.

EVERY EVENING, WEDNESDAY MATINEES
at 8. **NOT ABSOLUTELY NO FREE LIST,**
SECOND WEEK AND CONTINUED SUCCESS
OF MR. J. M. BARRIE'S Delightful Play,
THE LITTLE MINISTER, [
CORDIAL RECEPTION JUSTLY ACCREDITED
TO THE ACTORS AND SCENIC COMPANY.]
Mrs. PATTIE BROWNE as **PAMIE**
Mrs. PATTIE BROWNE as **BABIE**.

"Nothing could exceed the pleasure with Miss Barrie gives to the large audience. The play is brilliant and exceedingly produced."—*Telegraph*, July 18th.

(THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING, JULY 19, at 8 o'clock.)

THE LITTLE MINISTER,

Interpreted by

MR. HARRY RICKARD'S CLIMATIC COMPANY,

consisting of

Mrs. PATTIE BROWNE, Miss PATTIE BROWNE,

Mrs. F. MACIVARS, J. E. CATECATE, J. W. SWENNEY, W. GREGORY, O. DURIG, F. BURFORD, and others.

Madame ELOISE JUSTIN, BEATRICE DAY, ATHENA CLAUDIA, and others, and Mr. CELTIC WARD.

SCENE BY G. and J. GORDON and J. CLINT.

Stage Director, Mr. H. H. DUNN, Stage Manager, Mr. H. H. DUNN, Stage Manager.

Box Plan at Moore's, W. P. Fox, Mrs. Barrie.

Box Plan at Nicholson's. Price, as usual. Children under 6 not admitted.

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ROYAL STANDARD THEATRE

THIS EVENING, TUESDAY, JULY 19th.

Last Night of

1 THE PANTOMIME OF THE BOUL.

Interpreted by a professional company.

Admission, 2s. 6d. Box Plan, 3s. Box Seats, 4s. Extra Charge for Early Doors.

Come Early and Avoid Crashes.

Under THE PATRONAGE OF THE CHIEFS OF THE CHURCHES, or Morrow and Russell High Life in the time of Alexander the Great.

ALLEGEDLY HISTORY School of the Paris University, in the School of Arts, Pitt-street, Sydney, will be given in the interval Music Handbells will be rung in the Russian Liturgy.

Admission, 2s. Tickets at Paling's. Doors open at 7.30; commence at 8.30.

2. Tickets at Paling's. Doors open from 8 p.m. to 10.30.

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THE WAR.

AMERICA AND SPAIN.

EVACUATION OF SANTIAGO.

TROOPS SURRENDER THEIR ARMS.

THE UNITED STATES FLAG HOISTED.

LONDON, July 18. The Spanish troops in Santiago marched out of the city on Sunday. They presented to the American lines and surrendered their arms.

They will sail for Spain at the end of the month.

The United States flag was hoisted in Santiago, and the bells of the Cathedrals were tolled.

Major-General Shafter reports that the city is a perfect entanglement of defences, and it would have cost 5000 lives to capture it.

General Toral, the temporary commander of the Spanish garrison, made a dramatic appeal to Major-General Shafter that the Spanish soldiers should be permitted to retain their arms, otherwise they would prefer to die in the trenches. The American Commander communicated with President McKinley, recommending that the concession should be granted. The President was obdurate, and replied that it was necessary to impress upon Spain that it would be impossible for her to resist.

THE CUBANS DISSATISFIED.

LONDON, July 18. The Cubans are very dissatisfied that they are not allowed to participate in the administration of Santiago.

ATTACK UPON PUERTO RICO.

50,000 TROOPS TO BE SENT.

LONDON, July 18. General N. A. Miles, the American Commander-in-Chief, will shortly proceed with 50,000 troops to Puerto Rico. The American fleet will co-operate with the army.

YELLOW FEVER IN THE AMERICAN BANKS.

LONDON, July 18. Yellow fever is spreading among the American troops, and there are now 600 cases.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING.

LONDON, July 18. The Madrid newspapers assert that peace negotiations are proceeding.

The suspension of the Spanish Constitution was caused by the fear of a Carlist rising in the event of a cession of territory to the United States.

(A portion of the above appeared in our Second Edition)

CENSORSHIP ON TELEGRAMS REMOVED.

The Postmaster-General has been advised by Adams as follows:

"Under State Government notice that the reception of telegrams in secret language or cipher in all offices in the Antilles has been removed, except for and from the islands of Cuba, San Domingo, Porto Rico, and Jamaica. The Anglo-American Company, which has advised us of this, states that this decision applies to all telegrams passing through the United States."

THE COAL STRIKE IN SOUTH WALES.

LONDON, July 18. The colliery-owners in South Wales have offered the miners an advance of 5 per cent. in wages if "Mabon's" Day be abandoned. The owners refused to appoint an umpire, and a deadlock has occurred.

"Mabon" is the bardic title of Mr. W. Abraham, M.P. for Rhondda, Glamorganshire, who is vice-president of the Monmouth and South Wales Mining Association.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Monday. The hearing of appeals to the Supreme Court against the rentals fixed by the land board for certain stations, and the continued course of action before Mr. Justice Cooper, with Mr. J. Leahy, M.L.A., and Mr. George Phillips as assessors. The case of Thargomindah was taken first, and the hearing of the evidence of the F.W. Armytage, the lessor, occupied the greater part of the day.

The light of afternoon to the Brisbane River port has seen an alligator on the bar. This is probably the first time one has been seen so far south, though on rare occasions similar reports have been made regarding the Mary River.

A few days ago it was reported that ticks had been found in the Queensland. This has now been proved by without foundation.

A Garment telegraph reports that a 170z. sugar has been found at M'Donell's Flat.

It is reported from Rockhampton that the steamer Banffshire lost her propeller on the voyage from Townsville to Keppel Bay, the shaft being cut out near the stern. A special pump will be fitted to repair her. The vessel's crew was drawn into Enn Park in Saturday.

GLADSTONE, Monday. The coal strike in Queensland has been settled, and said he was willing to pay the contractors' demands.

The Gladstone mine manager, Mr. W. Morris, and his wife, William and Mrs. Morris, left Gladstone Wharf, but was rescued by Martin, Frank Lloyd, and others.

THE STRIKE OF SLEEPER CUTTERS.

NARRABRI, Monday. The sleepers' strike continues. As the result of a general meeting of the men on Saturday last at West Narrabri, the men voted to remain to work on parts of the railway until the 24th, and to sleep there. The men who had agreed to open up meetings to the workers, Messrs. Hodges and Seeling, replied to the request and the men deplored on Saturday that the price to raise them to 24c. per ton, and 10s. per week of the larger body.

More probably it is a smaller body, which was strongly decomposed, especially the men were not only kept away from campings, but were also compelled to make arrangements for their delivery direct to the Government.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Monday Evening.
The work opened with a dull but firm market in the stock exchange, very few transactions being done. Reductions in the buying quotations of Government securities had no significance. Sydney Union Bank shares were rather stronger. Gold, British, and Australian gold deposits bought at 18s. 6d., silver 11s. 6d.; Newcastle and Hunter River were again sold at 16s. North Shore New York, up 1s. United Insurance showed a slight gain. Newcastle Gaolitng advanced a little, and a steady. Australian and Peruvian borrows were sold at 1s. A few alterations in insurance shares indicated a firm market. Sydney Hydrolic, up 1s. and 1s. Shale and Oil were reported. Total: E. B. and A. telephone, 18s. 6d.; Newcastle Steamer, 18s.; Sydney Hydrolic, 1s. 6d. The closing quotations were:

		Death and other Claims.	
	A.M.P.	Government Insurance Dept.	
1898	£104,426	£100,921	
1894	—	100,921	
1890	—	125,335	
1886	—	121,544	
1882	147,393	116,909	
1878	148,001	102,120	
1874	—	—	
Total	500,000	488,104	
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The outgo was very much heavier in the case of the Government than of the private office, even of about 7 per cent. The Government's loss in its heavier expenses for management and claims, the Government department might be expected to show a much smaller increase of funds. This actually occurred, as will be seen as follows:

	A.M.P.	Total funds.
1898	—	£1,000,000
1894	—	—
1890	—	—
1886	—	—
1882	—	—
1878	—	—
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Total	500,000	2,738,105

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